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TALLAHATCHIE County BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Ascalmore Baptist Church

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OCTOBER 6th, 7th, 1921

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. R. G. HEWLETT, Chairman
R. G. McCORKLE
D. B. COWART
J. R. OAKES
S. J. BROWN
J. J. MAYFIELD

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Spring Hill Church, 3 miles west of Oakland, Oct. 5th, 6th, 1922.

TO PREACH INTRODUCTORY SERMON

REV. E. J. HILL; REV. J. R. G. HEWLETT, Alternate

Minutes of the Organization of the Tallahatchie Baptist Association will be found on the last page.

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Minutes.

The first annual session of the Tallahatchie County Baptist Association was held with Ascalmore Baptist Church, near Paynes, seven miles south of Charleston, on Thursday and Friday, October 6th and 7th, 1921.

Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett, Moderator, called the meeting to order, and motion prevailed to proceed to the election of officers. J. R. G. Hewlett was re-elected moderator; Spencer J. Brown, clerk, and D. B. Cowart, treasurer. Rev. J. D. Rice conducted devotional exercises, reading a passage from the Holy Scriptures; after which Rev. J. J. Mayfield led the prayer.

On roll call, the following churches reported with delegates as follows:

Ashland Baptist Church—Rev. J. D. Rice.

Ascalmore Baptist Church—S. J. Brown, N. C. Shook, Mrs. Ida Baker.

Charleston Baptist Church—H. R. Tucker, J. R. G. Hewlett, Mrs. W. F. Lambert, Mrs. J. C. Adams, Mrs. C. W. Leggett, Mrs. Ned R. Rice, J. J. Mayfield.

Cowart Baptist Church—J. R. Milam, J. M. Denman, Mrs. U. L. Denman, Mrs. B. A. Goodnight.

Friendship Baptist Church—J. L. Cole, J. J. White, J. P. Williams, T. A. Williams, Miss Addie B. Draper.

New Goshen Baptist Church—Jerry Howell.

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church—Miss Annie Bell.

Spring Hill Baptist Church—R. G. McCorkle, Mrs. Edd Holland, Mrs. Ladd Laughlin.

Paul Baptist Church—N. B. Cox, J. S. Cox, M. D. Cox.

Scotland Baptist Church—G. I. Powell, T. J. Smith.

Rev. J. J. Mayfield preached the introductory sermon, after which adjournment until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

The Association was called to order at one-thirty o'clock P. M. by the moderator and after devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. J. Mayfield, business was resumed.

Motion prevailed that any preacher in the Association, of

like faith and order, should have the privilege of voting on any question arising in the Association.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented by the Chairman, Rev. J. J. Mayfield, who spoke to the report, which was also discussed by Mrs. J. J. Mayfield and Mrs. C. W. Leggett. Report adopted as read.

Report on Publication was submitted by Rev. J. D. Rice, who read the report, and after discussion, the same was adopted as read.

Report on Orphanage was submitted by Spencer J. Brown, who read the report and after discussing it, the report was adopted.

Report on Woman's Missionary Union was read and discussed by Mrs. Ned R. Rice. Adopted as read.

The Moderator here announced the appointment of the following named as a Committee on Nominations: J. J. Mayfield, R. G. McCorkle, N. C. Shook, Mrs. Ida Baker.

Report on Ministerial Relief read by Jerry Howell. Report discussed by Jerry Howell and Mrs. W. F. Lambert, after which it was adopted as read.

The Association here adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7th

The Association was called to order at 9:30 o'clock by the Moderator, and after scripture reading and prayer by Rev. J. J. Mayfield, business was resumed. Bro. J. E. Byrd, of Jackson, Miss., Secretary of the State Sunday School Board, was recognized and welcomed to the Association.

Report on Pastoral Support read by D. B. Cowart, who spoke to the report; after which it was adopted.

Report on B. Y. P. U. work read by R. G. McCorkle, followed by discussion by R. G. McCorkle, Clyde Jones and Miss Addie Baker. Report adopted as read.

Report on Sunday Schools read by J. M. O'Neal, who spoke to the report, as also J. C. Byrd and Rev. J. J. Mayfield. Report adopted as read.

A committee was here appointed to promote the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Conventions to be held during the year 1922. The committee to be as follows: J. J. Mayfield, R. G. McCorkle, D. B. Cowart, Spencer J. Brown and Ernest Palmer.

Report on Layman's Work read by Judge Greek L. Rice, who spoke to the report, as did W. W. Hudson and J. P. Williams. The report was adopted as read.

Report on Baptist Hospitals read by Dr. J. E. Powell, who discussed the subject. Discussion followed by J. P. Williams

and Miss Addie Baker, after which the report was adopted as read.

Motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to solicit funds to cover cost of printing minutes, whereupon the Moderator announced the following: R. G. McCorkle, J. D. Shook, T. J. Milam.

Association here adjourned until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

Association called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 P. M.

Mr. Dot M. Nelson, field secretary of Mississippi Baptist Educational Board, was recognized and welcomed to the Association. After devotional reading by the Moderator and prayer led by Bro. Nelson, business was resumed.

Report on Christian Education was read and discussed by H. R. Tucker, followed by J. R. Milam, Mrs. B. A. Goodnight and D. M. Nelson. The report adopted as read.

Report on Nominations read by Rev. J. J. Mayfield and adopted as follows: Time of next meeting, October 5th and 6th, 1922; place of meeting, Spring Hill Church; to preach introductory sermon, Rev. E. J. Hill; alternate, J. R. G. Hewlett; Executive Committee, J. R. Oakes, R. G. McCorkle, Spencer J. Brown, J. J. Mayfield and D. B. Cowart.

The following Resolution of Thanks was offered and adopted by unanimous vote:

Resolved, that the Tallahatchie County Baptist Association extend to the church and people of this community their very earnest thanks and appreciation for their royal entertainment and hospitality during the meeting of the Association. Respectfully submitted, REV. J. J. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

After reading and discussion, a Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and approved by sections, as follows:

Constitution

Article I. This body shall be known as The Tallahatchie County Baptist Association.

Article II. The object of this Association shall be to digest and organize an operative system of measures to promote the general interests of the Kingdom of our Redeemer, in keeping with the great commission in Matthew 28:16-20.

Article III. This Association shall be composed of messengers from regular missionary Baptist churches, within the territory of the Association, duly elected or appointed by said churches, in the following ratio: Each church shall be entitled to three messengers for the first fifty or fraction thereof, of its membership, and one additional messenger for each additional twenty-five or majority fraction thereof.

Article IV. Any church desiring to co-operate with this Association shall send messengers with a petitionary letter, and be received by a two-thirds vote of all messengers present.

Article V. This Association shall never possess a single

attribute of power or authority over any church. It absolutely and forever disclaims any right of this kind, hereby avowing the cardinal principle that every church is sovereign and independent, when fostering and carrying out the will of God.

Article VI. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually and immediately upon enrollment of the messengers present, each member being entitled to one vote. All officers shall be elected by ballot, except that by common consent, they may be elected by acclamation. All officers of the Association shall continue in office until their successors are regularly elected.

Article VII. The Moderator and Treasurer of the Association, together with five others, to be elected annually, shall constitute an Executive Committee whose duty it shall be to attend to any and all business of the Association when not in session.

Article VIII. The Moderator shall preside over the sessions of the Association, provided that he may call another to the chair, in case of necessity, and vote only in case of a tie vote of the Association.

Article IX. The Clerk of the Association shall keep a true and complete record of the proceedings of the Association; be responsible for all articles or documents entrusted to his care; and arrange same for publication and cause them to be printed in minute form and distributed among the churches of the Association, and also furnish one or more copies to each of the Secretaries of the State Baptist Convention, provided that the Association shall furnish ample means to pay for said printing and distribution and pay said Clerk a reasonable sum for his labor.

Article X. The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys or property of the Association, and keep and exhibit regular accounts of them at sessions of the Association or Executive Committee, upon a request of said committee; shall pay out no money or dispose of any property thus committed to his trust, except by order of the Association or the Executive Committee acting for and in behalf of the Association.

Article XI. The annual meetings of this Association shall be held at such times and places as the Association shall from time to time determine. The Moderator, with the advice of the Executive Committee, may call a special meeting of the Association or change the time and place of the annual meeting.

Article XII. The Association shall have the power, at its annual meetings, to make such alterations and additions to this constitution as experience may dictate, by a majority of two-thirds of the members present; provided, 1. That notice of such alteration or addition shall be duly given during the first day of the Association. 2. That Article V of this Constitution shall be scrupulously observed. 3. That such alteration or addition shall not be made during the last session of the annual meeting of the Association or at a call meeting thereof.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call order at any time.

Article 3. Any member not satisfied with the Moderator's decision may appeal to the Association the same day but at no other time.

Article 4. The Moderator may have the same privilege of speech as any other member of the body, provided he calls some brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of a tie.

Article 5. Every motion made in order and seconded after a sufficient time for discussion, shall be by the Moderator, put to a vote of the Association, a majority of whom shall govern, and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator.

Article 6. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the moderator, and when addressed by a member for permission to speak, the Moderator shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

Article 7. Every member in addressing this body must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and no member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or uses words of personal reflection.

Article 8. The appellation "Brother" shall be used in our addresses.

Article 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, nor more than once until all have had opportunity of speaking.

Article 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during the hours of business without leave from the Moderator.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and to submit the same for correction at the close of each session, and to preserve a file of the proceedings of the body.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys presented for Associational purposes, and pay them over by the order of the body.

Article 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rule of this Association, a two-thirds vote shall be necessary.

Article 14. The roll of delegates shall be called at the close of each session and absentees shall be designated upon the minute as such without leave of the Moderator.

There being no further business the Association here adjourned.

J. R. G. HEWLETT, Moderator.

SPENCER J. BROWN, Clerk.

Mortuary

Deaths during the last Associational year:

Sister Maggie Shook, of Ascalmore Church.
" Mary Green, of Bethany Church.
" M. M. Burch, of Bethany Church.
" Thelma Ellingberg, Cowart Church.
" Daisey Shackleford, Cowart Church.
" ———— Allbritton, Charleston Church.
" Mary J. Oakes, Charleston Church.

Brother L. F. Bonds, Charleston Church.
" J. K. McDonald, Spring Hill Church.
" J. A. Taylor, Paul Church.
" Elias Hall, Scotland Church.
" W. H. Arendale, Friendship Church.
" T. M. Clarkson, Friendship Church.
" Spencer Milam, Ascalmore Church.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	Pastor	Postoffice Address	Church Clerk	Postoffice Address	Superintendent Sunday School	President W. M. U.	Members Enrolled
Ashland	J. D. Rice	Cascilla	T. W. Goodwin	Cascilla	T. A. Rice	Miss Sadie Rice	187
Ascalmore			J. H. Shook	Paynes	S. J. Brown	Mrs. Callie Brown Charleston R#2	100
Bethany	R. A. Cooper	Courtland	H. I. Brown	Enid	J. H. Gowen		31
Cowart	J. W. Henson	Louisville, Ky.	B. A. Goodnight	Charleston, R. 2	Mr. Gunter	Mrs. Lura Henson	70
Corinth	E. J. Hill	Oakland	Lee E. Mitchell	Scobey, R. 1	D. L. Milam	Mrs. Lee Mitchell	136
Charleston	J. J. Mayfield	Charleston	J. M. O'Neal	Charleston	D. B. Cowart	Mrs. N. R. Rice	477
Friendship	J. J. Mayfield	Charleston	J. P. Williams	Charleston, R. 1	Joe White		124
Mt. Pisgah	J. P. Neel	Hollywood, Tenn.	P. J. Burkhalter	Enid	Roy McCowan		173
Paul	E. J. Hill	Oakland	M. D. Cox	Scobey, R. 1	J. A. Ross		89
New Goshen	J. W. Henson	Louisville, Ky.	T. M. Ross	Cascilla, R. 1	Jerry Howell	Mrs. Berth Mitchell	134
Spring Hill	E. J. Hill	Oakland	Bessie Mullen	Oakland, R. 2	R. G. McCorkle		164
Scotland	J. D. Rice	Cascilla	Mrs. T. J. Smith	Cascilla, R. 1			37
						Total Membership	1722

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP						SUNDAY SCHOOL							W. M. U.				B. Y. P. U.			
	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Statement	Decrease by Death and Letter	Membership Last Year	Present Membership	Number Enrolled	Average Attendance	School Graded	Church Members Enrolled	Using Baptist Literature	Officers and Teachers	Off. and Teach. Holding Diplomas	Number Members	Average Attendance	Number Tithers	No. Points in Standard of Excellence	Number Unions	Enrollment	Active Members	Average Attendance
Ashland	18	10	1	7	165	187	50	30	No		Yes	6		21	7	1	7				
Ascalmore	4	6	10	4	94	100	59	42	No		Yes	4		21	10		8				
Bethany		3		2	30	31	25	15	No		Yes	6									
Cowart	12			8	66	70	45	20	No	15	Yes	6		7	7						
Corinth	3	3		5	135	136	58	25	No	24	Yes	6		6	5						
Charleston	60	53	1	15	378	477	396	275	Yes	249	Yes	34	17	90	65	7	10 A-1	3	55	55	30
Friendship	1	2		8	129	124	40	35	No		Yes	4		20	10						
Mt. Pisgah	15	3		9	164	173	35	18	No		Yes	6									
Paul				4	93	89	30	20	No	20	Yes	5									
New Goshen	8	3		2	125	134	20		No		Yes	5		26	7						
Spring Hill	8	6		19	169	164	70	30			Yes	7									
Scotland	5	33		1		37	20	15		6		4									

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	S. S. and Home Expense	Total Home Expense	Denominational Objects	Grand Total All Objects
Ashland	$ 1500 00			$ 19 50	$ 19 50		$ 19 50
Ascalmore	1000 00	$ 129 00	$ 39 85	117 90	285 50	$ 36 25	322 00
Bethany	1200 00	93 50	42 50	40 20	176 20	36 50	212 70
Cowart		87 86		1 00			88 86
Corinth	800 00	35 00		12 00	47 00		47 00
Charleston		2400 00	291 83	1034 26	3726 09	1617 06	5343 15
Friendship	1200 00	30 89		3 02	33 91		33 91
Mt. Pisgah	2000 00	250 00		18 40		371 30	639 30
Paul	1500 00	80 50		11 90		10 00	102 40
New Goshen	600 00	60 00		45 00	105 00		105 00
Spring Hill	1100 00	256 85	36 30	90 50	383 65	288 10	671 75
Scotland		33 75	5 25				39 00
Totals					$ 4776 85	$ 2359 21	$ 7136 06

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Minutes of Organization

At the close of the eighty-fourth session of the Yalobusha Baptist Association at Spring Hill Baptist Church, held October 6th-7th, 1920, a motion for request of withdrawal by the Churches of Tallahatchie county was carried and the delegates from the following churches were convened for organization (See minutes Yalobusha County Baptist Association 1921 & 1922): Charleston, Ascalmore, Spring Hill, Corinth and Cowart. On motion, J. R. G. Hewlett was elected moderator; J. R. Oakes, clerk, and J. W. Helms, treasurer. J. J. Mayfield, J. R. Oakes, W. H. Hudson, Gaddis McCorkle and S. J. Brown were named as an Executive Committee and authorized to select place of meeting of first association, time and to outline program, also to draft a constitution and rules for the government of the association and to solicit affiliation from the other churches of the east half of Tallahatchie County for membership in the new Association. Motion prevailed to name the new Association the Tallahatchie Baptist Association, of Tallahatchie County, Mississippi. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

J. R. G. HEWLETT, Moderator.

J. R. OAKES, Clerk.